

## **FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR**

(Competitive Class)

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in the classified fire fighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training in and perform firefighting and fire suppression tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving, operating, and maintaining fire department vehicles. Employees of this class receive supervision from superior officers, and rank immediately below the classification of Fire Captain.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Participates in assigned training drills either as an individual or as a member of a group. Attends special schools or courses assigned. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work.

Trains for and performs firefighting and rescue tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines, ventilating buildings, and using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires or removing fire and accident victims to safety. Administers first aid to victims of fire and accident either on the scene of an emergency or en route to the hospital. Assists in fire investigations.

Drives fire apparatus to and from fire or other emergency. Positions apparatus and connects to supply source. Operates pumper to supply adequate pressure to the nozzle. Calculates required fire flow, friction loss, intake and discharge pressures necessary for fire suppression.

Performs tasks necessary to protect property using covers, tarps, or other materials. Constructs catch-alls and chutes to trap and dispose of water. Locates and extinguishes hidden fires and hot spots. Removes debris and charred waste.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned fire fighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles. Performs periodic tests on apparatus and equipment as required. Inspects fire hydrants, conducts flow tests, and periodically flushes hydrants to remove rust and sediment.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, and notifying officer in charge of needed repairs.

Performs public relations duties such as calming excited citizens at a fire scene, receiving and responding to complaints from the public, and providing information to the public concerning the work of the fire department.

Completes forms and records as required.

Performs related duties as assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must have a high school diploma or a valid certificate of equivalency issued by a state department of education.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Prior to beginning work in this class, must obtain a valid Louisiana driver's license.

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